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AMENDMENT "B"

In response to Office Action dated 01/07/2005, please amend the application as follows:

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in Enclosure (A) by deleting the portions shown in double brackets [] or by strike through and adding the underlined portions.

Also cancel Claim 1 and add new claims 18 and 19 as shown in Enclosure (A).

COMMENTS

Claim 18 is based on the previous amended Claim 1 with additional matter to more clearly define the structural differences between Park and the present invention.

Claim 19 is based on matter disclosed on page 3 lines 21-23 of the Specification.

With reference to the Examiners comments on page 2 under 35 USC § 112, we have amended the wording in Claim 17 to the matter disclosed on page 9 lines 7 & 8.

With reference the Examiner's comments in her response to the previous arguments, we do not understand the Examiner's reference to the Declaration. The field of Invention is clearly fireplaces and firebacks for open fireplaces. We do not see that this has any bearing on our argument that there are two distinct forms of open fire. It is very common for an Inventor to think prior to Examination that his invention has wider application than